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CABLE LEGISLATION.

Among the laws and decrees of the Legislature published to-day are the Cable Enabling Act and the Joint Resolution ratifying the contract for ocean cables made with Z. S. Spalding. All of the time spent on the Act was wasted, as the Resolution was all that was needed. There is little reason to doubt that the Government knew about Spalding's scheme when it introduced the Act. Mr. Thurston's elaborate report printed as a public document was evidently only a brief for Mr. Spalding. On the face of it the statute is an authorization to the Government to invite competition from the whole cable-constructing world. The Legislature by ratifying a contract without awaiting competition for the works simply ignored the obvious intent of the statute, and, confirming the action of the Government in making a secret deal, established a mischievous precedent. Whether the legislation that has been accomplished will secure the cables or not, the unseemly haste with which the contract was ratified is a pernicious example for future legislatures. It was on the bad principle that the end justifies the means. There was nothing indeed laid before the Legislature in this case to give any assurance that the end would be attained by the means employed. The contract simply delegates to Mr. Spalding the powers conferred on the Government by the Act. Instead of a business-like proposition the contractor had really nothing tangible to present, but only a request for a loan of supreme and negotiable power to go abroad and fish for capital and subventions. Any business man of average capacity would be in just as good a position as Mr. Spalding to promise the cables if armed with such a document as he has received. Although there is no use in attacking the scheme any more until the final issue of the contract arrives, it is deemed proper here and now, as last words in the meantime, to place on record a strong doubt that anything will be effected by the contract excepting a loss of eight or nine months in efforts to procure cable communication. One reason for this doubt is that, it being proclaimed in advance that the capital is coming from London, the United States Congress will not grant a subsidy to the cable. American national subsidies and guarantees are not capping foreign capital in private enterprises to a great extent just now. And the delay will be for the ultimate benefit of the country, if it prevents a twenty years' exclusive privilege for landing cables from North America to these islands.

OFFICIAL ERRORS.

It is to be hoped that the engrossed official copies of the laws of the late session have been more carefully revised than the copies furnished this paper for publication. These in some cases contain words spelled incorrectly, as they appeared in the printed drafts before the Legislature. In the Rights of Way Act the word "Court" is omitted after "Su-

preme." The term "Supreme Court in Banco" has been in the Judiciary Department since that Court was raised to the dignity of an exclusively appellate jurisdiction, but of course the proof reader of the contractors for publishing the laws cannot alter their phraseology. Only the most obvious clerical errors and blunders in etymology are presumed to be corrected by the contractors. In Section 5 of Act 18, the conjunction "and" is requisite to correct syntax before the clause, "the Commissioners of Public Lands," but it is not competent for the contractors to interfere in such a mistake, certainly committed with open eyes by the Legislature.

OBSERVATIONS.

Another batch of new laws is published officially in this issue. Read and preserve them and govern yourselves accordingly.

This is the closing year of the sixth century of the British Parliament, the mother of all existing forms of representative government.

There's millions in it! Shipping butter to Yokohama from Honolulu. You get 40 cts. for it there, while you can only get 50 cts. for it here. Give us another, Mr. Armstrong.

It seems to be a surprise to the whitem Anglophobists to find that the British Government can act civilly toward the Government of a small country which it had formally recognized.

Although it is only a short time ago that Edward Hanlan took part in a two-oared race, it is more than nineteen years since he won the single scull championship of the world at the Centennial Exhibition. This fact proves that athletic prowess intelligently husbanded is not conducive to the premature breakdown of its possessor.

A park within the coral seawall erected to hold the dredgings of the harbor entrance is in the eye of the authorities. It would be a beautiful ornament to the mouth of the harbor, giving strangers a most agreeable impression of the place before they landed. Besides, it would be an invaluable boon to the toiling masses in affording a surf-bordered retreat on Sundays and holidays from the dust and heat of the town.

A contemporary has given our recent eminent visitor, Dr. Northrop, credit for suggesting a park on the ground where the Chinese wash houses stand, and the former Chinese theater stood. Long before Dr. Northrop's visit Rev. F. W. Damon, missionary to the local Chinese, publicly advocated a park there and was generally supported by the press. The well-known scripture proverb in point, if read aright, does not forbid anybody from giving honor when due to a prophet of his own district.

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BY AUTHORITY.

ACT 19.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE CURRENCY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Republic of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the Minister of Finance to redeem all certificates of deposit issued under the provisions of Chapter 35 of the Session Laws of 1886 and the amendments thereto, now outstanding, at their nominal value on demand, and all certificates so redeemed shall be forthwith withdrawn and cancelled by the Registrar of Public Accounts, in such manner as the Executive Council shall direct.

SECTION 2. The Minister of Finance may issue or cause to be issued from time to time gold and silver Certificates of Deposit, payable to bearer on demand without interest, upon setting apart as a special deposit an equal amount of Gold Coin of the United States of America and Silver Coin of the Hawaiian Islands or of the United States of America as security for the redemption of such certificates respectively.

SECTION 3. The certificates issued upon the gold deposit shall be of an uniform color and of the respective denominations of five, ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred dollars. The certificates issued upon the silver deposit shall be of another uniform color and of the respective denominations of five, ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred dollars.

SECTION 4. All such certificates shall be signed by the Minister of Finance and countersigned by the Registrar of Public Accounts, and the special deposits of Gold and Silver Coin in the Treasury for their redemption shall be used only for the payment and redemption of such gold and silver certificates respectively, and shall be kept as special deposits for such purposes and no other.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect from and after its approval and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved this 13th day of August, A. D. 1895.

SANFORD B. DOLE,

President of the Republic of Hawaii.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of the Republic of Hawaii entitled, "An Act to Facilitate the Construction and Maintenance of Telegraph Cables in the Pacific," approved August 12th, 1895, the President was authorized, with consent of the Cabinet to negotiate and conclude a contract or contracts with any person or persons, Corporation or Corporations, Government or Governments, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Telegraph Cable or Cables connecting the several Islands of the Republic, or connecting the Republic of Hawaii with the Countries lying in or bordering on the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS the provisions of said Act require that any Contract concluded under or by virtue of the provisions thereof, involving the payment of any money, shall be subject to the ratification and approval of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS the President, with the consent of the Cabinet, has negotiated and concluded a Contract with Zephaniah Swift Spalding, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Telegraphic Cable connecting the several Islands of the Republic, and also of a Telegraphic Cable connecting the Republic of Hawaii with the West coast of the United States of America, which contract involves the payment of money by the Republic of Hawaii to the said Zephaniah Swift Spalding; and

WHEREAS the President has transmitted such contract to the Legislature for its ratification and approval in accordance with the terms of said Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Hawaii that the said Contract shall be and hereby is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Approved this 14th day of August, A. D. 1895.

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Timely Topics

Most people make their wills before they die, and some of them are great curiosities in their way. Among the many curious legacies made lately is that of a Christiana man who directs that his whole fortune shall be expended in bicycles. A Norwegian newspaper which does not give itself up to the comic element relates that a Dutch lawyer, named Nikolson, bequeathed the whole of his property to trustees, to be employed in the purchase of bicycles for the use of children attending school, while part of the money is to go towards paying the teacher to train the boys in bicycle riding.

The validity of the will has been disputed by the sons of the testator, who refuse to acknowledge it, so that it is still a question of doubt whether the children will reap the benefit of the strange bequest. That the testator was sincere enough, and that he recognized in the wheel untold blessings which might have escaped the observation of minds of less acumen, the concluding portion of the will should go to prove. It says:-

I have always found a bicycle capital protection against the importunity of those people who persist in stopping you in your walk to spin a long yarn in the hot sun or in the biting east wind. My machine, unlike a horse, never shied once; and in my drives I have had no need to intrust life and limb to the tender mercies of a coachman."

Now that lawyer had good hard, solid sense and plenty of it, in fact, a good deal more of it than most lawyers are credited with, and yet not more than many boys and girls in Honolulu have, for are there not many of the latter who are spending their whole fortunes in purchasing a bicycle and they are wise in spending their money on something that will give them their money's worth every time.

The bicycle of the Khedive of Egypt is a gorgeous machine, almost entirely covered with silver plating but if anyone wants a duplicate of it we can furnish it, or if something "English you know" is wanted we can supply similar machines to those used by the Prince of Wales' boys and girls, all of whom are expert riders.

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